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1. REVISIONS TO LADD-MCCLELLAND REPORT ARE DIVIDED INTO MAJOR AND MINOR CATEGORIES. FIRST CATEGORY CORRECTIONS ARE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL TO ACCURACY OF REPORT. SECOND CATEGORY ARE MINOR BUT WOULD IMPROVE TEXT.

2. FIRST CATEGORY REVISIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) PAGE 1, PARA 3, SENTENCE 3 SHOULD READ, "IN 1961, THROUGH A PLEBISCITE IN ENGLISH-SPEAKING (WEST) CAMEROON, A NORTHERN PORTION CHOSE UNION WITH NIGERIA, WHILE THE REST OF THE BRITISH CAMEROONS OPTED TO JOIN FRENCH-SPEAKING EAST CAMEROON TO FORM A FEDERATED STATE OF CAMEROON, EACH PART HAVING ITS OWN GOVERNMENT WITH PARLIAMENTS AND MINISTRIES."

(B) PAGE 1, PARA 4, SHOULD BEGIN, "IN MAY 1972 PRESIDENT AHIDJO CALLED....."

(C) PAGE 2, PARA 4, SHOULD READ, "THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISIONS IN CAMEROON ARE SEVEN PROVINCES, WHICH ARE DIVIDED INTO DEPARTMENTS, ARRONDISSEMENTS AND DISTRICTS."

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(D) PAGE 3, PARA 4, SENTENCE 3, "PARTY MEMBERSHIP IS OBLIGATORY

AND IS REGARDED WITH IMPORTANCE." SHOULD BE DELETED. (STATEMENT TAKEN FROM BACKGROUND NOTES, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, DECEMBER 1973. P. 5, AND IS IN ERROR.)

(E) PAGE 3, PARA 5, SHOULD READ, "NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS WERE LAST HELD IN 1973, WITH THE UNC PROVIDING THE SINGLE LIST OF CANDIDATES." (BACKGROUND NOTES, OP. CIT. ABOVE IN ERROR. NO PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS WERE HELD IN 1973. THE LAST ONE WAS IN 1970, THE NEXT IS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY 1975.)

(F) PAGE 9, PARA 5, SENTENCE 4 SHOULD READ, "FIRMS INVOLVED IN THIS PROSPECTING INCLUDE ELF-SEREPKA (FRENCH), MOBIL, GULF, SHELL AND OCEANIC EXPLORATION."

(G) PAGE 18, PARA 1, SHOULD READ, "THE LATEST CHANGE IN THE GUARANTEED STRUCTURE WAS IN JULY 1974 WHEN A 6-18 PERCENT INCREASE OVER THE RATES THAT HAD PREVAILED SINCE SEPT. 1973 WAS AFFECTED." (CHART SHOULD BE REVISED TO SHOW THE FOLLOWING:)

JANUARY 1, 1970 ZONES SEPTEMBER 1, 1973 ZONES

	I	II	III	I	II	III
SMAG	29.50	25.00	20.00	32.50	27.50	22.00
SMIG	39.00	31.50	25.00	43.00	34.65	27.50

JULY 1, 1974

	I	II	III
SMAG	37.00	32.00	26.00
SMIG	47.00	40.00	32.00

(FIGURES GIVEN IN FRANCS CFA. ABOUT 240 FCFA-DOLS.US 1.00)

(H) PAGE 29, PARA 5, SENTENCE 4 SHOULD READ, "THREE AMERICAN COMPANIES, MOBIL, GULF AND OCEANIC EXPLORATION HAVE PETROLEUM CONCESSIONS IN CAMEROON, BOTH ON AND OFFSHORE.

(I) PAGE 30, PARA 1, SENTENCE 3 SHOULD READ, "MOBIL AND TEXACO HAVE MINORITY INTERESTS IN A NEW 1-1/2 MILLION TON REFINERY TO BE BUILT."

(J) PAGE 30, PARA 2, SENTENCE 1, DELETE REFERENCE TO CHASE MANHATTAN.

PAGE 30, PARA 2, SENTENCE 2, DELETE THAT PORTION OF THE SENTENCE READING ".....AND CHASE MANHATTAN, WHICH HAS ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF THE SHARES IN THE STANDARD BANK OF WEST AFRICA.....". (SEE EXPLANATION BELOW.)

(K) PAGE 30, PARA 3, SENTENCE 3, DELETE THAT PART OF THE SENTENCE READING, "...AND PLANS ARE UNDER NEGOTIATION WITH THE CAMEROON-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IAN GOVERNMENT TO DOUBLE CREVETTES' FISHING FLEET AND TO EXPAND THE PROCESSING PLANT INVOLVING AN EXPENDITURE OF SOME DOLS. 2.5 MILLION." (PLANS TO DOUBLE CREVETTES' CAPACITY WERE DROPPED IN EARLY 1973 WHEN GURC APPROVED LICENSES FOR ONLY THREE OF THE REQUESTED TEN ADDITIONAL SHRIMP BOATS BECAUSE OF NIGERIA'S DESIRE TO LIMIT NEW SHRIMP BOATS OPERATING IN ITS WATERS.)

(1) PAGE 30, PARA 3, SENTENCE 4, ENTIRE SENTENCE SHOULD BE DELETED SINCE SIPROHACAM CEASED TO OPERATE IN CAMEROON ABOUT ONE

YEAR AGO.

(M) PAGE 38, PARA 3 SHOULD READ, "CAMEROON'S THREE ELECTRICITY COMPANIES -- ENERGIE ELECTRIQUE DU CAMEROUN (ENELCAM) AND ELECTRICITE DU CAMEROUN (EDC) IN THE EAST, AND WEST CAMEROON ELECTRICITY CORPORATION (POWERCAM) IN THE ENGLISH SPEAKING AREA -- WERE MERGED INTO ONE NATIONAL CORPORATION, SOCIETE NATIONALE D'ELECTRICITE DU CAMEROUN (SONEL) IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1974. ENELCAM, WHOSE PRODUCTION ACCOUNTED FOR SOME 95 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL ELECTRICITY PRODUCED IN CAMEROON, OPERATED THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC FACILITIES AT EDEA WHICH HAVE AN INSTALLED CAPACITY OF 200 MEGAWATTS. EDC DEALT PRIMARILY WITH PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRICITY, TRANSMITTING POWER FROM THE EDEA PLANT TO YAOUNDE AND DOUALA AND OPERATING THERMAL POWER STATIONS IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY.

(N) PAGE 40, PARA 1, SENTENCE 3 READING, "THIS STATION WILL GREATLY IMPROVE CAMEROON'S INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE SERVICE." SHOULD BE DELETED. THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE SHOULD BE ADDED, "A DIRECT SATELITE TELEPHONE LINK WITH THE UNITED STATES WAS OPENED IN JULY 1974."

(L) PAGE 44, NUMBER 5 SHOULD READ, "BANQUE INTERNATIONALE POUR L'AFRIQUE OCCIDENTALE - CAMEROUN (BIAO-CAMEROUN)." NUMBER 6 SHOULD BE DELETED AS STANDARD BANK OF WEST AFRICA (SBWA) SOLD OUT ITS INTERESTS IN CAMEROON IN MID-1974.

(P) PAGE 47, PARA 3, SENTENCE 5 SHOULD BE DELETED. FYI. THESE PARENTHETICAL REMARKS REFER TO LANG ENGINEERING AND ARE VERY MISLEADING.

(Q) PAGE 50, PARA 1, CHAD SHOULD BE DELETED FROM THE LIST OF UDEAC MEMBERS.

(R) PAGE 51, PARA 1, SENTENCE 2, CHANGE "CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT" TO "CAMEROONIAN GOVERNMENT."

(S) PAGE 59, PARA 1 SHOULD READ, "CAMEROON MAINTAINS AN EMBASSY IN THE U.S. AT 2349 MASSACHUSETTS AVE., NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20008."

3. SECOND CATEGORY REVISIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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(A) PAGE 4, PARA 4, CLAUSE 2 SHOULD READ, "...THE CENTRAL ABAM-AOUA PLATAU BETWEEN THE SANAGA AND BENOUE RIVERS (2,500-4,500 FT) IS A REGION CONTAINING LIVESTOCK AND MINERAL RESOURCES;..."

(B) PAGE 5, PARA 1, SENTENCE 2, CLAUSE 3 SHOULD READ "...AND THE CENTER AND SOUTH WHICH INCLUDES THE URBAN CENTERS OF DOUALA, THE MAIN SEAPORT (350,000), AND YAOUNDE, THE CAPITAL..."

(C) PAGE 7, SECTION 7, "HEALTH", SENTENCE 2 UNDER HEADING, "MAIN DISEASES" SHOULD READ, "OTHER WIDESPREAD DISEASES INCLUDE MEASLES, BILHARZIA, DYSENTERY, LEPROSY, AND INTERNAL PARASITES."

(D) PAGE 9, PARA 5, SENTENCE 2 SHOULD READ, "OIL PROSPECTING IS BEING CONDUCTED, HOWEVER, MAINLY IN THE SEDIMENTARY BASIN BETWEEN DOUALA AND THE NIGERIAN FRONTIER, WHERE OIL TRACES HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO EXIST FOR MANY YEARS."

(E) PAGE 10, PARA 1, SENTENCE 2 SHOULD READ, "THE BENOUE RIVER LINKS THE PORT OF GAROUA IN THE NORTH TO THE SEAPORTS OF PORT-

HARCOURT AND BURUTU IN NIGERIA, BUT IS NAVIGABLE ONLY ABOUT 2 MONTHS A YEAR."

(F) PAGE 26, V. 5. SHOULD READ "MILK FACTORY".

(G) PAGE 56, PARA 3, SENTENCE 2, "TCHANG" SHOULD READ "DSCHANG".

4. UPDATED LIST OF AMERICAN BUSINESSES IN YAOUNDE IS BEING POUCH-ED REPLACE PP. 77-79, ANNEX 8. MOORE

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